

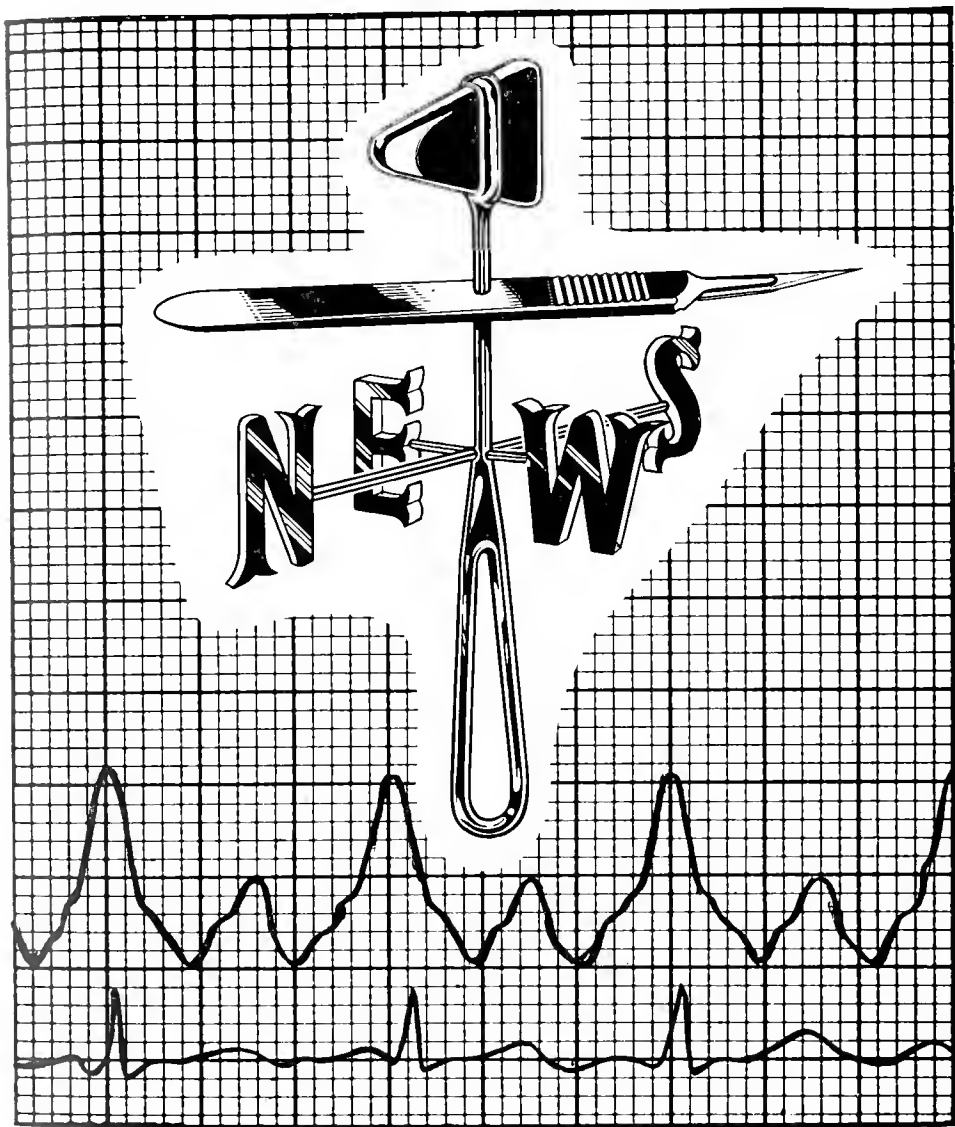
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From the Desk of the President

Allow me to thank you sincerely for electing me your 76th president in the 93rd year of the Mahoning County Medical Society. It is a high honor and a great responsibility for any man.

At no time shall I be unmindful of this trust. I desire to be a good and progressive president. Yet, to be successful, I must have the support, not only of the executive council of the Mahoning County Medical Society, but the entire membership as well. I shall expect and deeply appreciate this indispensable backing.

The Mahoning County Medical Society has a history rich in progress and innovation.. I will work to deserve a place in that tradition.

Committee appointments have been made with a conscientious effort to put every man on the committee of his choice. Obviously this was not always possible. For example, over thirty doctors sought a place on the committee, Religion and Medicine.

I am sure every new President that accepts this mantle of responsibility does so with a constructive program for the medical society in mind. Basically, I have an eight point program.

No. 1. I will ask the Public Relations Committee to work conscientiously and in depth to create a public awareness of the doctor's dedication to the health care of his patient. In this same vital area your president will contribute unstintingly whatever talents he may have to assist this committee.

No. 2. I will ask the Interhospital Relations Committee to develop a long term policy and program to bring the Youngstown area hospitals within closer working arrangement. With the ever increasing sophistication and cost in scientific therapeutic armamentarium, it is necessary that an over-all community utilization be a consideration of first importance. Competition between hospitals will probably always exist, yet this concept must be realistic and honest, with all avenues of endeavor leading to the best possible hospital care of the patient with the most prudent expenditure of the community's dollar.

No. 3. I will ask the Trauma and Traffic Safety Committee to actively study traffic casualties in our county. For example, in a traffic survey spot check, how many cars on Youngstown roads have seat belts. Even more important, how many motorists who have seat belts in their cars, when stopped by an investigating traffic officer, would be wearing his or her seat belt. In this same vein, should the Mahoning County Medical Society push for the use of a shoulder harness combined with the seat belt. Traffic injuries and deaths in the United States are a growing and crushing problem

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— EDITORIAL —

On Thursday, January 21, 1965, both our major hospitals sponsored educational programs for house and visiting staffs. The Youngstown Hospital Association presented Frederick Robbins, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at Western Reserve University, in a series of morning lectures and presentations. St. Elizabeth Hospital offered Samuel Spector, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at Western Reserve University, in an afternoon symposium. Neither staff was apprised of the other's program until about one week before the appearances, and neither Department of Medical Education had any idea of the other's plans.

About three years ago, a Poison Control Center was established at St. Elizabeth Hospital. It was recognized that a single such center would adequately serve this area. In order to give the Youngstown Hospital Association ready access to the center, and also as a tangible link between the hospitals, it was suggested that a direct-line telephone connection between the various emergency rooms be installed. Both hospitals vetoed this suggestion.

What do both of these situations have in common? They point up the negative aspects, the unwholesome side of the spirit of competition between our community hospitals. Competition is a necessary and important part of our democratic, capitalistic system. American society could not exist as we know it without competition. However, competition must be constructive and wholesome. It should spur us on to greater service and achievements; it should improve the quality of our work and be of benefit to those we serve. Competition is burdensome when it fails to achieve these goals; and, when it leads to duplication and waste of money and resources, it constitutes senseless rivalry.

The time has come when our hospitals should give serious consideration to cooperative existence, in a spirit of mutual respect. It is well known that certain specialized hospital services are best performed in a single well-

organized and well-equipped unit, rather than in several smaller units. The need for other special services is quantitatively small, and their duplication in several hospitals in one area constitutes a waste of human and financial resources. Teaching programs could be coordinated to the professional and economic benefits of both staffs. Numerous other possibilities of mutual advantage will come to mind if and when the first steps toward inter-hospital cooperation are taken.

It would be well if we took these steps now and voluntarily. Necessary hospital expansion plans will soon be proposed; they should be influenced by the spirit of cooperation. In fact, cooperation may be forced upon us, willy-nilly, by area-wide planning committees, government-sponsored, who will examine our plans if Hill-Burton funds are requested.

What does all this have to do with the Medical Society? We have, over the years, studiously avoided official recognition of our hospital staffs. Nevertheless, hospital staffs are a reality, an important part of medical life in Mahoning County. The Society is our guild, an instrument for and of all the physicians in the county. It could serve as a catalyst in igniting the cooperative spirit which we advocate. —Kurt Wegner, M.D.,
Editor

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

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for medicine, and every effort, however small, should be pursued vigorously to save lives. Should not the doctors of the Mahoning County Medical Society who must repair the broken bodies in this area speak out more sternly and more often in behalf of traffic safety?

No. 4. I will ask the Committee on Athletic Injuries to study and report their clinical experiences in this area to the public periodically, to stress the importance of physical conditioning in athletic competition and the value of the proper use of modern scientific playing equipment. I am sure the parents of competing football players, for example, would be reassured to know from the doctors of the Mahoning County Medical Society, repeatedly, that every precaution is taken to safeguard our youth, and in case an athletic injury does occur that prompt treatment under supervision of a physician is given.

No. 5. I will ask the Cancer Committee to conduct an area wide "smear campaign." This program, sponsored by our Society during the entire month of April, will use all available means of communication to see to it that every woman over age 18 in Mahoning County has a Papanicolaou smear taken. All patients will be pointedly advised to see their own doctor for this routine test. Those unable to pay the standard fee will be tested for cervical cancer in the outpatient departments of the Youngstown and St. Elizabeth Hospitals.

No. 6. I will ask the Health Insurance Committee to study and report the importance of major medical health insurance. It makes sense to have health insurance coverage for major as well as minor illnesses. Most patients have little trouble meeting the ordinary costs of illness with the customary Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and private health insurance carrier contracts. But when a prolonged complicated illness or injury strikes, an insurance program is needed to take over when the ordinary insurance policy fails. This should be emphasized and spelled out to the public.

No. 7. I will ask the Public Health Committee to work more closely with the County and City Health Departments and spearhead a program of public

health education. This reporting in the news media may be done anonymously, or better still, under the byline of the chairman or vice-chairman of the Public Health Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society. A program, for example, outlining the do's and don'ts healthwise associated with the changing seasons of our year would make a good start, or a story might appear in the press on smallpox vaccination—when should it be done? Is one vaccination good for life as many think, or should it be repeated every three to five years as the doctors of the Mahoning County Medical Society recommend?

No. 8. I will ask for a Mahoning County Medical Society Area-wide Hospital Planning Committee to study the hospital bed needs of the community. Also to consider seriously the location of new hospitals in relation to their greatest value and use to the people of our area. Furthermore, this committee will be available for consultation with any organization planning to construct a hospital.

Perhaps no Society President has taken office in the past thirty odd years completely aloof from the oppressive forces of impending socialism and Federal control of medicine. This year is no exception. In fact, every one of you knows in mind and heart that we are facing a major crisis in medicine. The first step down the long road to the eventual socialization is about to be taken and organized medicine appears helpless to stop this health care catastrophe.

As your President I will continue to fight the Federal control of medicine with every ounce of strength I have, just as your immediate past-president, Jack Schreiber, has done and is continuing to do so well. You should know that Dr. Schreiber, as a member of the A.M.A. Speakers Bureau, has now spoken in behalf of free medicine in fifteen states. This is a splendid dedicated service to medicine and I know you join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to him regardless of the ultimate fate of the Medicare Bill in the present Congress. Over and above this very hard work, he has been an outstanding president for the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Admittedly it is late, and perhaps our rightful cause, medical freedom, is lost. Yet, somehow I hold to the last ditch hope that the Congress will recognize that the present Medicare Bill is not the American way. Further, that the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States will give us a law that will not be a "bone in the throat" to the overwhelming majority of doctors in the United States and a fraud to the patient, but rather a law within the framework of reason—one that will work to the advantage of the patient, the doctor, and our beloved country.

In these times that truly try men's souls, one cannot help addressing oneself to the question—what can I do to help stop this destructive socialistic force—one that must ultimately and definitely lower the quality of medicine in our country. The answer to this riddle does not come easily or clearly. Instead, confusion reigns in my mind as I am sure it must in yours. For despite the fact that politics is playing a major role in this legislation, it is still not the practice or policy of our government to pass bad laws. Why then, this deleterious health care program? Frankly, I do not believe the President the Congress, or the American people truly understand the implications of the King-Anderson Bill, nor do I believe that organized medicine with public opinion solidly mobilized against them, has been able to explain to the people of the United States the mistaken identity that is the King-Anderson Bill.

What can we do? Certainly one avenue left to any freedom-loving doctor is the right of petition, the right of demonstration in Washington. This is an

effective means to inspire Congress and the public to take another look, to study thoroughly this impending health legislation with all its grave and intractable ramifications. I would propose that one doctor from each of Ohio's 88 counties visit Washington for just one day and exercise his right of petition. On succeeding days another member of his county Society would follow his example and continue to carry the "Torch of Free Medicine." This program would go on during the entire period of the Congressional deliberation of the Medicare Bill. This demonstration would be imaginative, impressive, and dramatic and I am sure, make crystal clear to the American people and the Congress how resolutely opposed the rank and file American doctor is to socialized medicine.

In conclusion, it is my fervent hope that the Mahoning County Medical Society will have the moral strength and the necessary courage to take the lead in the United States and inaugurate this right of petition in Washington for a health care law that will be in the American tradition of "Free Medicine."

—John J. McDonough, M.D.
President

CLAYTON SCROGGINS IS NEXT SPEAKER

Another fine speaker is scheduled to address the members of the Medical Society at the Feb. 16th meeting. Clayton L. Scroggins, head of the Cincinnati management consulting firm that bears his name, will speak on management problems of a doctor's office.

Mr. Scroggins is a business graduate from Ohio Wesleyan University. He is Editorial Consultant for Medical Economics Magazine, and author of articles for that magazine, plus the AMA Journal and the AMA News. As a lecturer, he regularly appears before medical school students, residents, interns, and management symposiums.

The February meeting offers a rare opportunity for all members to hear and question this management authority. Meeting is on Tues., Feb. 16th at the Mural Room. Social Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m.; and meeting at 7:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$3.50 per person. Reservations may be made by sending a check to the medical society office.

SOCIETY ENDORSES ALCOHOLIC CAMPAIGN

By action of Council, the Mahoning County Medical Society has endorsed the current campaign of the Lincoln Avenue Alcoholic Clinic to raise money for a new Alcoholic Clinic and Information Center.

The Clinic must move from its present building by April 1st of this year, in order to make way for the expansion of Youngstown University under the Urban Renewal Program.

The campaign is to raise a total of \$160,000. This will then be added to the \$70,000 forthcoming from the Urban Renewal Authority, for a total of \$230,000, the proposed cost of erecting a proper building for the Clinic.

Dr. McDonough, president, urges members to contribute to this campaign through the Medical Society. Further information has been sent to each doctor in the Society by Dr. L. K. Reed. Checks made out to "Youngstown Committee on Alcoholism," should be sent to the medical society office.

The stated program of the Alcoholic Clinic is "to help the sick alcoholic to become sober and a respected member of his community," and "to educate the general public about alcoholism."

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Address: P.O. Box 1292, Youngstown 1.

Telephone: 743-0480 (Mrs. M. M. Kendall, Case Investigating Chmn.)

Executive Secretary: Miss Pauline Jones.

General Description: The National Foundation proposes to conduct programs which will diminish significantly the impact of birth defects through basic research, clinical research, medical care, professional education and public information. Chapters also continue certain responsibilities for rehabilitation of the severely handicapped post-polio patients. NF instituted the development of a nation-wide network of special centers for the evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation and study of patients with birth defects.

Services: (All are of interest to physicians.)

1. Direct aid to patients, after case investigation, including possibly: hospitalization, out-patient clinic visits, braces, diagnostic tests, social service, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and hearing therapy and psychological testing.

2. Treatment and study in any of the birth defect centers. There are three of these in Ohio, the nearest is at the Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland.

3. Partial scholarship assistance to an outstanding, needy student in a medical or para-medical field.

How to Obtain Services: Contact local chapter. Physician referral is necessary to obtain services mentioned under 1 and 2.

Fiances: Financial support is entirely by voluntary contributions: March of Dimes, Mother's March, direct mail campaign. No fees are charged for services.

Staff: One full-time staff member; all others are volunteers.

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RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Dr. Hugh Bennett was named recipient of the Community Service Award, given annually by the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church. Presentation was made at the January meeting of the church membership.

The award is made to someone in the parish who has done outstanding work in the community. Dr. Bennett was cited for his work on the Board of the Youngstown Council of Churches, as president of the Heart Association of Eastern Ohio, as a member of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and for his active

work in the Community Chest drive, and in the Medical Section of the Youngstown Hospital Association.

AMA INTRODUCES ELDERLY PLAN

A "Doctor's Plan for the Elderly" has been launched by the American Medical Association and will be introduced in Congress as a practical alternative to the King-Anderson Bill. It is known as the Eldercare Act.

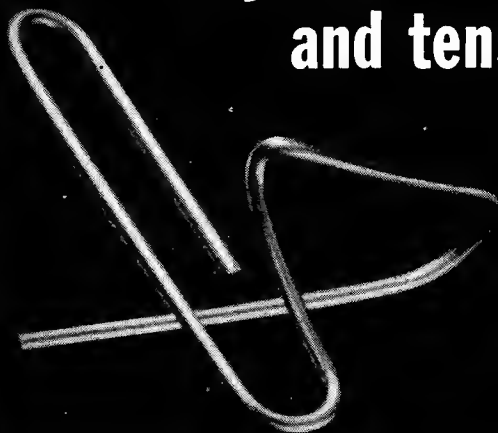
In essence, the plan calls for the provision of health insurance policies to those over 65 who need the help.

Under the proposed program, an over-65 citizen would purchase through the private carriers a wide spectrum of medical, surgical and hospital benefits, and would pay all, some, or none of the cost of the policy depending on his income. For individuals with incomes under the specified minimums, the state agency, using federal and state funds, would pay the entire cost.

This plan is designed to assure that every person over 65 whose income is insufficient to pay for coverage will receive help from public funds. In providing payment of medical, surgical and drug costs, the plan offers the senior citizen far more than the King-Anderson Bill, which provides only some hospital and nursing home charges.

The obvious feature of the plan which will appeal to those who do not wish to see a step toward Socialist government, is that it calls for the government to provide dollars (for the purchase of medical insurance) rather than for the government to provide services, which is the basis of the King-Anderson plan. Please familiarize yourself with this plan and give it your full support.

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INAUGURATION BANQUET INITIATES NEW YEAR

A new president, officers, delegates, alternates, and members of council for 1965 were installed in a brief ceremony conducted by retiring president, Dr. Jack Schreiber, at the inauguration night banquet, held Jan. 20th at the Youngstown Club.

Sixty-four members gathered to hear the new president, Dr. John J. McDonough, present an eight-point program for the coming year. Dr. Schreiber, in accepting an appreciation plaque, pointed out the purpose and the need for a medical society.

Special guests, Dr. Robert E. Tschantz, president of the Ohio State Medical Association, and Dr. Edwin R. Westbrook, Sixth District Councilor, both spoke briefly concerning the problems confronting the medical profession in 1965.

Special guests from the Corydon-Palmer Dental Society were Dr. Alfred Mangie, president-elect, and Dr. Dominic Bitonte, secretary.

Speaker of the evening, Jim Comstock, editor of the West Virginia Hillbilly, clothed his satire and philosophy with subtle humor as he narrated the trials and tribulations of the common folk of Appalachia trying to cope with big government.

Several awards were made during the course of the evening. A surprise presentation of a plaque was made to Dr. Ben Berg for his chairmanship of the 1964 Postgraduate Day. Dr. Westbrook presented the plaque for the Sixth Councilor District.

Dr. Warnock, retiring editor, was presented a bound volume of the 1964 Bulletin. Howard Rempes, executive secretary, was surprised with a gift of an attache case and a desk set from the 1964 Council.

The gavel, presented to Dr. McDonough, was a gift of Dr. Earl Brant, who has been making the presidential gavel each year in his wood-working shop.

Invocation was given by Dr. G. E. DeCicco. A moment of silence was called for by Dr. Schreiber for those who had passed on during the year 1964.



Program Chairman, with
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ident, th Dr. Edwin R.
Distr Councilor.

Dr. Schreiber accepts a plaque, presented by Dr. McDonough from the Medical Society, in appreciation for his contribution as 1964 president.

These were: Dr. R. V. Clifford, Dr. Samuel Epstein, Dr. Merrill D. Evans, Dr. Paul H. Leimbach, Dr. David E. Montgomery, Dr. Robert B. Poling, and Dr. Charles B. Scofield.

Dr. DeCicco presented the names of three retired members for Honorary Membership. They are: Dr. F. J. Bierkamp, Dr. H. E. Fusselman, and Dr. W. D. McElroy. The names will be voted upon at the February meeting.

VITAL STATISTICS

Council received the following membership year-end report at the January meeting;

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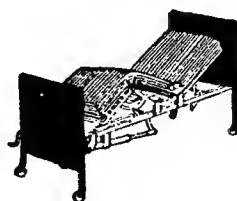
Active members	301
Associate members	17
TOTAL	318
Honorary members	15
Non-resident members	14
GRAND TOTAL	347

During the year, 1964, 3 members retired, 8 moved out of Mahoning County, and there were 8 deaths. A total of 15 new members were received into associate membership.

DR. CHIASSON NAMED ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Dr. S. V. Chiasson has been appointed to the office of Alternate Delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association. The appointment was made by Council at its January meeting in order to fill the post vacated by Dr. C. E. Pichette. Dr. Pichette, who holds the office of Council Member, resigned his second position to allow another representative to serve on Council. The appointment was made for a one-year term.

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From the Bulletin

THIRTY YEARS AGO—FEBRUARY 1935

One hundred eighty members attended the annual Banquet at the Youngstown Club. George Hendon, Professor of Surgery at the University was principal speaker.

The late Lou Dietzman wrote an absorbing article describing George Washington's last illness. His well researched story told how the beloved President contracted "synanche trachealis" an epidemic and highly fatal throat infection usually affecting children. Dr. James Craik who served with Washington way back at Braddock's defeat, attended him. The treatment was vigorous with copious bleeding, gargles of sage tea and vinegar, cantharides blisters, calomel and tartar emetic. He took sick Friday morning and died Saturday night. Dr. Craik was criticized for not having done a tracheotomy but claimed it would have been extremely dangerous.

Our well loved member Harold Beard died of coronary thrombosis. He was a bachelor, a Kentucky Gentleman, a superb horseman and a wonderful doctor.

The Medical-Dental Bureau was promoting a dinner meeting for doctors and their secretaries. The doctors' wives were not happy.

New members that month were T. K. Golden and E. Di Iorio.

You could buy a Knox hat at Scott's for \$4.00.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—FEBRUARY 1945

Capt. T. J. Tims was in Paris celebrating his third Christmas away from home. Hathhorn celebrated his Christmas by working right through the day and having a drink of grape fruit juice punch that evening in the nurses lounge—he said. Henry Sisek and John Goldcamp were at Leyte in the Philippines sweating it out in the mud and mosquitoes while John Rogers was freezing in Italy. Bill Evans and John Renner were home for a visit after two years at sea. Stan Myers was convalescing at the Chelsea Naval Hospital after an operation. Nate Belinky was alive and well in a Japanese prison camp working in a hospital, according to an enemy propaganda broadcast. It was a winter long to be remembered.

The Battle of the Bulge was over and the big push toward the Rhine was starting. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin were meeting at Yalta to decide the fate of Europe. The Marines were pinned down on the beaches of Iwo Jima.

Here at home the new Auxiliary was going strong and there were no plans for dinners of doctors with secretaries.

TEN YEARS AGO—FEBRUARY 1955

President Ivan Smith urged the doctors to support the Polio-Fund Drive because the need was acute.

Editor Robert Tornello paid a glowing tribute on the occasion of Dr. Albert Schweitzer's eightieth birthday.

Frank Kravec was elected secretary of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians.

The celebrated pathologist, William Boyd of the University of Toronto was speaker for the annual Banquet at the Youngstown Country Club. Our late beloved radiologist John Heberding was honored with a fifty year pin.

Scott's advertised men's hats in Green Charcoal with the bow in the back—the latest touch at \$15.00.

They say the cost of medical care has gone up 50% in the last 30 years.

—J. L. F.

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC REPORTS FOR 1964

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SEEN DURING THE YEAR	387
Persons not seen previously	354

OF THESE:

Admitted for Syphilis	35
Admitted for Gonorrhea	184
Persons not infected and not admitted	135
	354

SYPHILIS

NUMBER OF CASES TREATED THIS YEAR	60
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Carried over from 1963	21
Patients previously dismissed who returned for treatment	4
Admitted this year	35
	60

Primary and secondary	6
Early latent	5
Late latent	13
Central Nervous System	1
Cardio-Vascular	1
Congenital	2
Prophylactic treatment	6
Not diagnosed	1
	35

Number of blood tests taken	513
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Reactive	145
Nonreactive	368
	513

Number of spinal punctures	6
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Reactive	1
Nonreactive	5
	6

NUMBER OF CLINIC VISITS FOR SYPHILIS	413
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GONORRHEA

NUMBER OF CASES TREATED THIS YEAR	190
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Carried over from 1963	6
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Admitted this year	184
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	190
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Males	111	Females	73	184
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OF THE 184 PATIENTS:

81 or 44% were between 11 and 20 yrs. of age.

68 or 37% were between 21 and 30 yrs. of age.

32 or 17.4% were between 31 and 40 yrs. of age.

3 or 1.6% were between 41 and 50 yrs. of age.

Number of cultures taken	143
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Positive	22
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Negative	121
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143

NUMBER OF VISITS FOR GONORRHEA	713
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NUMBER OF VISITS FOR CHANCROID	
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(cases remaining from 1963)	2
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NUMBER OF VISITS MADE BY PERSONS NOT INFECTED	318
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GRAND TOTAL OF CLINIC VISITS	1446
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Mrs. Friedl Polk, R.N., the clinic nurse, processed 549 "Epidemiological Forms" during 1964.

SYPHILIS		240
Not infected	99	
Adequate treatment	94	
Placed under treatment	44	
Infected but not treated	2	
Expired	1	
	240	
GONORRHEA		309
Not infected	99	
Infected and treated	210	
	309	

Of the "Epidemiological Forms" processed by Mrs. Polk, 39 were sent to other states and cities in Ohio		39
Alabama	1	
Indiana	1	
Michigan	1	
New York	2	
N. Carolina	1	
Ohio	17	
		39
31 were received from other states and cities in Ohio		31
Arkansas	1	
California	1	
Georgia	2	
Kentucky	3	
Louisiana	1	
New York	4	
Moved out of jurisdiction		
		4
		74

Mrs. Polk also interviewed 162 persons; this includes clinic patients and patients of private physicians.

106 home visits were made with the assistance of other Visiting Nurses; 27 were not at home or not found.

Both the public clinics and the private physicians see more cases of syphilis today than they did a few years ago.

According to the U.S. Public Health Service the private physician now treats 80% of all cases of venereal disease and only 11% of reported cases come from private doctors.

In 1964 the Youngstown Venereal Disease Clinic treated and reported 35 cases of syphilis, 11 of which were infectious syphilis and 184 cases of gonorrhea; in comparison the private physicians reported 42 cases of syphilis, 9 of which were infectious and 33 cases of gonorrhea.

Dr. W. J. Brown, chief, Venereal Disease Branch, Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga., writes in the December 1964 issue of the JAMA:

"The private physician must realize that one or two cases he treats annually are not isolated instances but are manifestations of an epidemic situation. It is these scattered cases that hold the key to the eradication of syphilis and without the cooperation of the private physician in reporting them and enabling a follow-up to be made of the patient's contacts, public health facilities cannot possibly effect eradication of the disease."

In addition to the cases treated and reported, there are the many others on whom the correct diagnosis is not being made because syphilis is not suspected in the belief that "nice people do not have syphilis".

Respectfully submitted by,

Henri Schmid, M.D. Director,
Youngstown Venereal Disease Clinic

BULLETIN BOARD

During the Christmas season the Attending Staff both enjoyed and was enjoyed by the Interne-Resident Staff who put on their annual party. The party was very well attended, and the caricatures of the Staff were a howling success. The highlight of the evening was a movie which demonstrated how the various specialties of the Staff really are.

The Holiday season was capped by the annual cocktail party and the dinner given for the Staff by the Sisters. The Medical and Dental Staffs showed their appreciation by presenting a lovely gift to the Sisters.

Fred L. Nebot, Publicity Director of St. Elizabeth Hospital, has left us for a new job as Associate Director in the Department of Public Relations, Westinghouse Corp., New York City. We will all miss this true friend of the doctors. We wish him the very best of luck.

Social Notes:

The stork has visited the Jim Sofranecs again. This is No. 6—or is it? It is getting more difficult to keep the numerical status correct what with the frequent changes.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Kupec recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary. Their children gave them a gift of a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Dr. Vernon Goodwin is having trouble buttoning his vest. His daughter Jeanne is now Mrs. Charles Wagner.

Traveling:

From Florida—Drs. Bayuk, Chiasson, and Wegner.

To Florida—Dr. Kupec.

Health Notes:

Dr. Davidow is convalescing from an unexpected Christmas gift—Pneumonia.

Dr. E. H. Nagel is in St. Elizabeth Hospital and doing nicely.

Dr. W. O. Mermis is in Scottsdale, Arizona, with his brother, Dr. W. L. Mermis. We all remember Bill fondly.

—Harold J. Reese, M.D.

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January's frigid weather has again brought on the annual migration south. Shelby and Paul Bauer were off to join the sun in Miami, however, temperatures in the 30's forced them to travel further on to Jamaica. Lou Shensa is sporting a beautiful tan which he acquired while fishing in the Florida Keys for red bass and speckled trout. According to Lou, it was a most rewarding trip. The Anesthesia Department was on the move. Doctors Hossell, Waring and Rosseau attended the seminar in Miami, and Doctors Frank Shaw and Robert Parry were off to New York to attend the Boat Show. Accompanying Dr. Parry was his young son Rick.

The more hearty individuals on our staff were off to the ski slopes. Clare Reese recently returned from Michigan where he said the skiing was

just excellent. George and Carol Cook were not as fortunate on their trip and had only freezing rain. Saw Paul Bauer and Bert Katz with their heads together planning their annual golfing sojourn, this year to be held at the famous Dorado Beach in Puerto Rico. Bill Martin will be in Puerto Rico during the first week in February and will prepare the island for the arrival of Drs. Bauer and Katz.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER



DR. JOHN C. MELNICK, a radiologist, was born in Youngstown on Nov. 10, 1928. He attended the Rayen School and Youngstown University, receiving his B.A. in 1949. He was graduated from Western Reserve Medical School in 1955, took his residency in Radiology at Youngstown Hospital 1958-1961, and was a Fellow in Radiology at Cincinnati University (Cincinnati General Hospital), 1961-1962. Prior to his residency, Dr. Melnick served as Chief of Radiology Service at Ft. Lawton Hospital in Seattle, Wash., with the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

In 1963, he joined the Radiology Dept. at the South Unit of the Youngstown Hospital Association. He is a member of the American Board of Radiology and the Cleveland Radiological Society.

Dr. Melnick has published the following papers: "Osteopathia Condensans Disseminata (Osteopoikilosis) Study of a Family of Four Generations," "Intervertebral Disk Calcification in Childhood," and "Chondrodystrophia Calcificans Congenita."

His wife is the former Sally Jane Clothier, whom he married in 1956, and they have four children, Jacqueline Jane, John Charles, Michael Scott, and Gregory Alexander. They live at 1155 Cherokee Dr. Dr. Melnick is a coin collector and enjoys camping, swimming and hiking.

RESOLUTION DEADLINE SET

Anyone who is preparing a resolution to be brought up at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio State Medical Association must submit it to the Columbus office by March 9—sixty days before the Annual Meeting, May 9-13.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANTS' SOCIETY

Members of the Medical Assistants' Society of Mahoning County met at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing "Ivy Hall" on Tuesday, January 12, 1965, at 8:00 p.m. Thirty-six members and several guests attended, with President Dorothy Klein presiding at the business meeting.

Guest Speaker was Dr. Stephen Ondash, whose subject was "Carcinoma of the Breast". His talk was most educational and rewarding. A film entitled "Self Examination of the Breast" was also viewed. Dr. Ondash stressed the fact that if all women examined their breasts once a month for any tumor and would see their doctors as soon as possible upon detection of a tumor, those cases which proved to be cancer would be found early enough to assure recovery for the patient. We girls certainly appreciated Dr. Ondash taking his valuable time to speak to us and we all extend a big "thank you" to you, doctor.

The "Birthday Girls of the Month" were Alice Larson for the month of December and Ginny Lewis for January. Both girls were presented the "Angel of the Month" birthday gift. We also had a raffle during the evening for a uniform which went to Lovina Reese, our treasurer.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2, 1965, at St. Elizabeth Hospital Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at 8:00 p.m., with Dr. Elias Saadi as our Guest Speaker.

—Laura Marinelli,
Reporter

DR. H. A. SMITH SELECTIVE SERVICE ADVISOR

Dr. H. A. Smith has accepted the appointment as Medical Advisor for the Youngstown Local Board #78 of the State Selective Service. He is filling the position that became vacant at the death of Dr. R. V. Clifford.

Feb. 16

R. W. Rummell

Feb. 17

J. A. Altdorffer

O. A. Turner

Feb. 21

N. B. Salistean

W. B. Dodgson

Feb. 22

A. Riberi

Feb. 26

J. R. Sofranec

E. M. Thomas

Feb. 28

J. S. Goldcamp

March 5

F. J. Gambrel

March 6

L. H. Getty

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P. E. Longaker

March 7

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March 10

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PHYSICIANS' AID-CARLSON FUND

The Los Angeles County Medical Association has announced the formation of a "Physicians' Aid-Carlson Fund," a memorial founded to benefit the wife and children of Dr. Paul E. Carlson, Los Angeles Medical Missionary who was killed Nov. 24 by rebel forces in the Congo.

Dr. Carlson, 36, was one of 50 American and Belgian hostages massacred in Stanleyville by fanatical rebels.

Surviving are his wife, Lois, and the couple's two children, Wayne, 9, and Lynette, 7, who were reported safe in Banqui, Republic of Central Africa.

Dr. Carlson, who operated a 65-bed hospital in Wasolo in the Congo, had been in the country a year. Prior to that he had been a surgeon on the staff of the Redondo Beach Medical Clinic.

Mr. Charles Johnson, Director of the Communications Department of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, assures all contributors that donations received will be used for the benefit of the Carlson family, and that all expenses for operating the Fund will be borne by the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the Physicians' Aid Association.

Checks should be made out to PHYSICIANS' AID-CARLSON FUND, and mailed to Physicians' Aid-Carlson Fund, 1234 North Vermont, Los Angeles, California, 90029.

DELINQUENT DUES

The names of all dues paying members who have not met their financial obligations to the Mahoning County Medical Society by March 31st will be published as delinquent members in the April Bulletin and again in the May and June Bulletins if their delinquency persists. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the society to furnish the editor of the Bulletin the names of the delinquent members for publication in the April, May and June Bulletins.

—Council

Mahoning County Medical Society

CP ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The 1965 Medical Advisory Committee has been appointed to the United Cerebral Palsy Association. Dr. Ivan C. Smith is chairman. The other committee members are: Drs. Louis Bloomberg, Wilford D. Dodgson, Jack Malkoff, H. J. W. Marcella, Joseph V. Newsome, Joseph Sofranec, Jr., I. Werbner, R. A. Wiltsie, William H. Charlebois, and Karl T. Baumgaertel. The last two are new members of the committee. Appointments were made by Dr. McDonough, president of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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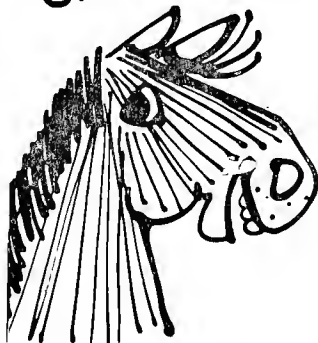
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

January 12, 1965

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1965, at the Mural Room.

The following physicians were present: John J. McDonough, president, presiding, H. N. Bennett, B. C. Berg, L. P. Caccamo, G. E. DeCicco, F. A. Friedrich, L. M. Gasser, S. F. Gaylord, Frank Gelbman, A. W. Geordan, R. L. Jenkins, Bertram Katz, J. V. Newsome, C. E. Pichette, H. J. Reese, F. A. Resch, R. J. Scheetz, C. W. Stertzbach, J. F. Stotler, C. K. Walter, and Kurt Wegner. Absent was: Jack Schreiber.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Dr. McDonough made introductory remarks as the new president. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following applications were presented by the censors and read by the executive secretary:

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Dr. John Charles Melnick, Youngstown Hospital Assn. (south unit)

INTERN-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Carl William Hein, Jr., Youngstown Hospital Assn.

Dr. William Roberts Rousseau, Youngstown Hospital Assn.

The applications were approved. The above applicants will become members of the Medical Society within fifteen days after publication in the Bulletin, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary during that time.

Dr. McDonough introduced Mr. Philip Tear and Mr. Robert McCallister, representing the R. J. McCallister Company, who spoke concerning medical public relations. They answered questions at the conclusion of their talk.

Dr. Geordan made a report for the Medical-Dental Committee. During the discussion, it was established that there was absolutely no connection between the Medical-Dental Bureau and the Mahoning County Medical Society. Dr. Geordan was of the opinion that any doctor could use and benefit from the Medical-Dental Bureau service. It was requested of Dr. Geordan that his committee work with the Emergency Call Service Committee and that both committees make recommendations at the next meeting of council.

Dr. McDonough announced that arrangements would be made with the Mural Room to do away with the delay in serving dinner.

A letter was read from Dr. Pichette in which he announced his resignation from the position of Alternate Delegate. Dr. Pichette then announced his reason for resigning the post was that he already held the second position of member of council. He suggested the name of Dr. S. V. Chiasson to fill the position. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that Dr. S. V. Chaisson be appointed to the position of one-year Alternate Delegate.

Dr. McDonough introduced discussion concerning the campaign for The Youngstown Alcoholic Information and Treatment Center. He expressed Dr. L. K. Reed's interest in the project. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the Mahoning County Medical Society endorse the campaign for the Alcoholic Information Center.

Dr. McDonough introduced discussion concerning the establishment of

an area-wide hospital planning committee. Following discussion, council expressed approval. Dr. McDonough will appoint a committee.

Dr. Walter read a resolution that the American Medical Association strongly urge the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals to encourage applicants for residency training in the various specialties to have at least three years of general practice before undertaking specialty training, and he moved its adoption. Motion was seconded. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the previous motion be tabled. The secretary was instructed to send out copies of the resolution to all members of council. A complete copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes.

The Executive Secretary reported on the membership status as of January 1st, 1965. The motion was then made, seconded and duly passed that the dues of Dr. J. C. Hall and Dr. W. O. Mermis be waived for 1965 and that a letter be sent to each advising them of council action.

Dr. Katz raised the question of the place for the Jan. 20th meeting. It was noted that in one article in the Bulletin, the place was incorrectly listed as the Mural Room. The meeting is scheduled at the Youngstown Club.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes,
Executive Secretary

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BULLETIN

REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1964

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	109	97	122	142	470
Deaths	77	62	75	39	253
Infant Deaths	3	1	2	3	9

DECEMBER, 1963

Births	164	160	221	208	753
Deaths	86	79	66	41	272
Infant Deaths	4	1	1	4	10

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1964		1963	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Measles	38	0	8	0
Polio	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	2	0	1	0
Tuberculosis	2	0	3	0
Typhoid	0	0	0	0
Gonorrhea	22	0	15	0
Syphilis	2	0	0	0
Infectious Hepatitis	1	0	1	0
Rheumatic Fever	6	0	1	0
Salmonella	2	0	0	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

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Gonorrhea		15	4
Total patients			21
Total visits (patients)			108

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